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Rome, Dec. 17. N. S.

THE Pope was Crowned the 8th Instant; He was carried in a Chair to St. *Peter's* Church, attended by the Cardinals, and a great number of Prelates and other Persons of Quality on foot, and at the Church Door was received by Cardinal *Barberini* as Arch-Priest at the Head of the Chapter; The Pope having performed his private Devotion at one of the Altars, went up to the *Clementine* Chapel, and there received the Homage of all the Cardinals, Bishops, and other Prelates; Then he was vested in his Pontifical Habits, and the Cardinals likewise put on theirs, and they repaired to the Great Altar, where the Pope said a Solemn Mass, and received the Adoration of the Cardinals, Bishops, and other Prelates; After which he was carried up to the Great Gallery next to St. *Peter's Place*, and being seated on the Papal Chair, the Triple Crown was put on his Head by Cardinal *Pamphilio* Arch-Deacon, assisted by Cardinal *Astalli*; At the same time a Discharge was made of the Cannon round the Town, and of the small Arms of the Pope's Guards who were drawn up in the said Place, where a great number of People were got together, to whom the Pope gave his Blessing, and then returned to his Palace, attended in the same manner as he came. The Queen-Dowager of *Poland*, the Princes her Sons, and divers other Persons of principal Quality, were present at this Solemnity; but the Foreign Ambassadors did not appear there, because of the Order the Pope has made, That they shall yield the Precedence to the Governor of *Rome* according to his ancient Right, though the Practice of late years has been otherwise. The Pope was Complimented the same day in the Name of the College of Cardinals by the Cardinal *de Bouillon*, their Dean; and the next day he began to receive the Compliments of the several Cardinals in particular, according to their Seniority. It has been observed, that at the Audiences he has given to the *German* and *French* Cardinals, Care has been taken to have some of the contrary Party present, which it's thought has been done, to avoid giving jealousie that any particular Matters passed at those Audiences in relation to the present juncture of Affairs. The Prince of *Monaco*, Ambassador from *France*, came the 7th Instant from *San Quirico* to *Caprarola*, and the Pope having sent the Governor of *Viterbo* to invite him to Court, he accordingly returned hither the 10th, and has since had Audience of the Pope. The *Venetian* Ambassador had Audience likewise, and delivered to the Pope a Letter from the Senate, to Congratulate him upon his Election. The Duke of *Popoli*, who came hither to Compliment the Pope in the name of the Vice-Roy of *Naples*, is returned home. Cardinal *le Camus* has also left this Place, in order to go back to *France*. The Pope, since his Coronation, has held two Consistories; the last consisted of 55 Cardinals, in the presence of whom he solemnly declared his Resolution to observe the Bull against Nepotism, and gave the Caps to the Cardinals *Lambergh* and *Noailles*, who have since paid their Visits of Ceremony to the Cardinal *de Bouillon* as Dean, and to the rest of the Cardinals. The Most Christian King has made the Princes *Alexander* and *Constantine Sobiesky* Knights of the Order of the *Holy Ghost*, and they have received the Ensigns of that Order from the hands of the *French* Ambassador with the usual Ceremonies.

Venice, Decemb. 24. The Senate here have given out Commissions for raising several new Regimens both of Horse and Foot, and the Officers are ordered, that the Militia of *Terra-firma* be exercised, and kept in a readiness for Service. They have, it's said, resolved to raise Two Millions of Ducats for defraying these and other extraordinary Expences, but are not yet agreed about the Method of doing it. The Senate have writ a Letter to the Most Christian King, in answer to That they received from him, acquainting them with the Duke of *Anjou's* Accession to the Crown of *Spain*. By a Ship lately arrived from *Castelnovo* we have an Account, that Signior *Grimany*, Commissioner from this Republick, had Agreed with the *Turkish* Commissioner about the Boundaries near *Narenta*; after which they separated, and on account of the Weather adjourned their farther Conferences till next Spring. The last Advices from *Napoli di Romania* say, the Magazines of Bisket and Stores in that Place took fire lately by some Accident, and were wholly destroyed, which is a very considerable Loss.

Dantzick, Decemb. 24. Letters from several Places in *Livonia* confirm the former Accounts of the Defeat of the *Muscovite* Army before *Narva*, and that the King of *Sweden* was marched towards *Pleskow* in pursuit of the Enemy; and at the same time a Detachment of *Swedes* from *Schansternyen* was sent after the *Muscovites* that fled into the Province of *Ingria*. They write from *Warsaw*, that the General Diet of *Poland*, which was to meet in the begining of *February* next, is put off till the middle of *March*, there being yet no likelihood of appeasing the Troubles in *Lithuania*. The Advices from thence say, above 8000 of the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of that Dutchy, have been killed on both sides since the last renewal of the Quarrel between the House of *Sapieha* and the Party of *Oginsky*, who call themselves the Confederate Nobility; That *Oginsky*, at a General Meeting of those of his Party, has caused the said Prince and his Adherents, to be declared Traytors and Enemies to their Country, and their Lives and Estates forfeited; In pursuance of which Declaration, the Lands about *Wilna*, which belong to them, are seized, and a considerable Sum of Money has been demanded of that City, which is in the Prince's Interests; But the Magistrates have refused to pay it, and have made Provision for their own Defence.

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